



**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:** 

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Title : (SUBSTITUTED)ACYL DIPEPTIDYL INHIBITORS OF THE

ICE/CED-3 FAMILY OF CYSTEINE PROTEASES

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows: